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PATENT APPLICATION  
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APPLICATION OF )  
CHRISTOPHER M. ONG ET AL ) GROUP NO.: 1713  
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/728,029 ) EXAMINER: ROBERT D. HARLAN  
FILED: DECEMBER 4, 2003 )  
TITLE: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION )  
OF LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT )  
HYDROGENATED NITRILE RUBBER )

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sirs:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2006 in the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. A one (1) month Petition for Extension of Time is concurrently submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Specifications:** None

**Amendments to the Claims:** A listing of the claims begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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